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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIET PRESS ENDS POST-SUMMIT HONEYMOON

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT ARTICLES CRITICAL OF THE US ARE NOW BEGINNING TO TAKE A MORE PROMINENT PLACE IN THE SOVIET PRESS THAN IN THE IMMEDIATE POST-SUMMIT PERIOD. THE CURRENT PRESS LINE EMPHASIZES A US NEED FOR DETENTE AS A BALANCE TO THE FOREIGN POLICY IMPACT OF CHRONIC DOMESTIC PROBLEMS RATHER THAN SOLELY AS A RESULT OF A CHANGED WORLD BALANCE OF POWER. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 10383, 8/30.

2. ISRAELI PROGRAM ENDANGERS SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS

EMBASSY TEL AVIV CHARACTERIZES THE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AS A CONTINUATION OF
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THE "CREEPING ANNEXATION" OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRI-

TORIES. IN PARTICULAR, PLANS FOR AREA DEVELOPMENT WILL LEAD TO AN ECONOMIC INTERTWINING OF ISRAELI AND OCCUPIED LANDS HIGHLY VISIBLE TO NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES UNABLE TO HALT THE PROCESS. THE RESULTING EMBARRASMENT TO THE ARABS COULD FURTHER DAMAGE PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIATED

SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA. (SECRET) TEL AVIV 6819, 8/30 (EXDIS).

3. MUJIB ASKS US ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT

IN AN AUGUST 30 MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIXON, BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER MUJIB REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF LARGE TRANSPORT PLANES AND SHIPS TO HELP IN THE REPATRIATION OF BENGALIEES. AS A "RECEIVING" GOVERNMENT, BANGLADESH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING ITS OWN NATIONALS FROM PAKISTAN UNDER THE AUGUST 28 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) DACCA 3925, 8/30.

4. IN TAM COMMENTS ON HIS POSITION

DURING AMBASSADOR SWANK'S FAREWELL CALL ON AUGUST 30, CAMBODIAN PRIME MINISTER IN TAM REMARKED THAT HE IS DOING HIS BEST TO DAMPEN INTERNAL AGITATION FOR A CHANGE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. OUR AMBASSADOR COMMENTS IN TAM SEEMS WILLING TO CONTINUE AS PRIME MINISTER IN SPITE OF HIS CRITICISMS OF THE FANK AND OF MEASURES BY OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS WHICH MIGHT SERVE TO DIMINISH HIS OWN POPULARITY. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 9113, 8/30 (LIMDIS).

5. ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF US WITHDRAWAL FROM THAILAND

IN AN AUGUST 29 NEWS CONFERENCE, THAI PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHORN DESCRIBED THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH WILL ARISE WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES AS WELL AS DETAILING PLANS TO OFFSET THE EXPECTED ECONOMIC SLUMP. HE WILL ASK THE US TO WITHDRAW FORCES
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GRADUALLY AND TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO FORMER BASE AREAS. (UNCLASSIFIED) BANGKOK 13586, 8/30. ROGERS

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